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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Walter Thomas Morey of Decatur, who passed away on March 18, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, Walter Thomas Morey was a 1936 graduate of Stephen Decatur High School; in 1940 he graduated from the University of Illinois and was elected President of the Student Senate, Cadet Colonel of the ROTC, and Business Manager of the Illio; he was also a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity; and

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WHEREAS, In 1941, his law studies at Harvard were interrupted by the outbreak of World War II; he served three years of active duty with the 36th Field Artillery in North Africa, Italy, and France; Major Morey's unit was the first to fire on the mainland of Europe in 1943; he was decorated with the Bronze Star, Legion of Merit, and three French Croix de Guerre, awarded by the French Government; and

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WHEREAS, In November of 1945, Major Morey returned home and married Dorothy Page Huff; in 1947, Walter graduated from Harvard Law School and returned to Decatur to begin work as a legal counsel for the A.E. Staley Company; and

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WHEREAS, At the outbreak of the Korean War, he served as a

1 battalion commander in Korea until 1951; upon his return to
2 Decatur, he practiced law alongside his father; in 1955 he
3 organized Soy Capital Bank and five years later he founded
4 Security Savings and Loan; and he was a partner in the
5 development of Brettwood Village Shopping Center; and

6 WHEREAS, He was elected to the Decatur City Council in 1960
7 and served six years; over the course of his profession, Walter
8 was honored to be a Millikin Trustee and member of the
9 University of Illinois President's Council; he served as
10 president of the Decatur Bar Association, the Rotary Club, the
11 United Way of Macon County, and the American Red Cross; and he
12 served as an elder at First Presbyterian Church; and

13 WHEREAS, After 50 years of tireless work and energy, he
14 retired in 2005; Walter was an avid lover of history, travel,
15 adventure, and Tabasco sauce; his sense of humor and challenge
16 for others to succeed will always be remembered; and

17 WHEREAS, Walter's family includes his wife of sixty-three
18 years, Dorothy; his three daughters, Madelyn Morey, Cynthia
19 Smith and her husband Robert C. Smith, and Marcia Morey; his
20 sister, Barbara Morey Shade; his grandchildren, Sean and
21 Cassandra Smith, Trevor Smith and Nathan Smith, Rob and Leslie
22 Gandy, Page Gandy, and Jamie Kerr; and his great-grandson,
23 Hudson; therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
2 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
3 his family and friends, the passing of Walter Morey; and be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
6 presented to the family of Walter Morey as a symbol of our
7 sincere sympathy.